

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 2653
KUOK SAN HO ET AL.	)	
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SERIAL NO.: Not Assigned	)	
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FILED: September 30, 2003	)	Examiner: A. Heinz
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FOR: SELF ALIGNED MAGNETORESISTIVE	)	
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In advance of the first examination, Applicants hereby respectfully amend the subject application, as follows: